

Heathcote PS News

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At Heathcote PS we value... Respect Learning Teamwork Responsibility

IMPORTANT DATES

13th February	Foundation Rest Day
20th February	Student Representative Group Meeting
	School Council
	Foundation Rest Day
27th February	Foundation Rest Day
6th March	Parenting Engagement Workshop 2—3pm
11th March	Labour Day Holiday
22nd March	Athletic Sports
27th, 28th, 29th March	Grade 3 to 6 Camp to Swan Hill
28th, 29th March	Grade 1 & 2 Camp
5th April	Last Day Term 1 Early dismissal 2pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME TO FOUNDATION STUDENTS

Last week has been both an exciting week and a big week for our Foundation students. They have settled really well and are launching into lots of new learning tasks. Miss Childs has been very pleased with the effort and enthusiasm of our Foundation students and is looking forward to a great year ahead.

This week I found out from our Foundation students what the highlight of last week has been.

Faith – My favourite thing at school this week has been playing shops with Brianah.

Safiyah – My favourite thing at school this week has been practising my writing. I am very good at writing my name.

Zavier – The best thing about school is playing games. I like the game where we have to find the dog bone.

Wes – I love going outside and playing in the shop with the play-dough. I have been making shapes and squishing it with the rolling pin.

Finn—Finn has loved playing with his friends in the yard.

Masie – I love playing outside in the playground. My favourite part of the playground is the two monkey bars that I grab onto.

Hunter – My favourite thing is playing on the tangly slide with my friends.

Noah - I like playing outside on the playground with my friends Eli and Hunter.

William – I like playing on the playground with my friend Faith.



KATE BALLANTYNE

I have had a few conversations with Kate this week and it is great to hear that she is home and is on the road to recovery. At this stage Kate will be returning to work on Tuesday 5th March but this is dependent on her recovery going to plan. We will keep the community informed.

As the Acting Principal for the time that Kate is absent, I would like to thank students, parents and staff for making me feel very welcome. I have enjoyed my first week at Heathcote PS and look forward to the next few weeks

Thanks to Rhys and the staff for getting the year underway so smoothly last week. There are many 'start of year' programs and activities to get up and running and to date, all classrooms have made a great start.

As it was the first full week for the year, teachers have spent time setting classroom expectations, establishing classroom rules, organising seating arrangements, setting up workbooks, completing some initial benchmarking assessments and ensuring all students are feeling safe, supported and positive.

I have enjoyed visiting the classrooms each day, getting to see the students at work and interacting so positively with each other. The classrooms all have a very warm and supportive feel to them.

SCHOOL BAGS

It has been wonderful to see so many excited students arriving and leaving school with their brand new school bags. It has helped to build great pride in the school and I even heard one child promising mum that they were going to keep it tidy forever!

Families are reminded to pop into the Office and see Nina to collect your new school bags. If you can't make it into the school, contact Nina at the Office and we will make the necessary arrangements.

A big thank you to the supporters of this initiative. It has had a big impact.

SCHOOL CAMPS

This year's school camps are on in the second last week of school. The Grade 3-6 camp to Swan Hill is on Wednesday March 27th to Friday March 29th. The students will be travelling by bus to Bendigo and train to Swan Hill.

The Grade 1/2 Sleepover is on Thursday 28th & Friday 29th March.

As school camps are designed to support the curriculum and personal development we expect that all students attend. School camps are a great way to develop independence, self-organisation and self-confidence.

Camp costs are :-

Gr. 3- 6 \$210

Gr. 1/2 \$75

Some families have already paid for camp within the Booklist payment. Parents yet to pay are welcome to make part payments each fortnight through the Office leading up to camp.

Further details about the Grade 3-6 camp will be sent out this week.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Our February 20th School Council Meeting will be the last for the current School Council.

Before our March 20th AGM, some of the Parent Representative and Department of Education (DET) Representative positions will be open for nomination.

Nominations for positions will close on Monday February 18th. Elections will follow if required.

Current School Council			
Parent Representatives		DET Representatives	
Ends March 2019	Ends March 2020	Ends March 2019	Ends March 2020
Sean Patten	Emily McNally	David Close	Rhys Clayton
Liam Anderson	Alison Phillips	Marg Parry	Kate Ballantyne
Vacant	Lucy Walsh	Vacant	
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There are four parent positions and two DET positions available. See Nina or Jan at the Office for Nomination Forms. Self-nomination forms are available if required.

On behalf of our customers we contributed \$10,000 towards the new Nagambie Bowls Club green

Nagambie branch



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SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES

Parents are reminded that staff are only on duty from 8.45am and that students arriving before then are unsupervised. We therefore request that where possible, students don't arrive at school until 8.45am. If there is a one off occasion when you need to drop your children to school early, please make contact the day before to organise.

Thanks for your co-operation.

BREKKY CLUB

A reminder that Breakfast Club is every Tuesday and Friday from 8.20 – 8.50am. Students can come along and enjoy a yummy brekky of cereal, toast and maybe some hot food to kick start their day.

Students attending will need to remain in Brekky Club until 8.45am and can then move out into the yard.

GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar lessons are available for all students with Mariah McCarthy. Contact the school if your child is interested in taking part.

HEATHCOTE IN HARMONY SINGING GROUP

Heathcote in Harmony will start back next Monday 11th February in the Gallery at 2.00pm with Mariah McCarthy. Heathcote in Harmony will not be on Monday 25th February. If you're interested in joining the group, forms are available at the Office.

TERM DATES 2019

Term 1 29 January to 5 April

Term 2 23 April to 28 June

Term 3 15 July to 20 September

Term 4 7 October to 20 December

WATER BOTTLES

All children are required to bring a water bottle to school. All water bottles should be clearly labelled with child's name. Water is the only beverage to be brought to school.

ABSENCES

All absences must be explained by a note each time your child is away from school. A phone call at the start of an absence is also appreciated and helps class organisation.

INSURANCE

As a public school, Heathcote Primary School does not provide any insurance for lost or stolen property for staff and students. We also do not provide any health insurance cover. In the event of an accident causing serious injury to a child, we must call an ambulance to ensure the child receives proper medical attention. The fees for the trip in an ambulance will be payable by the family whose child requires care. This is Department of Education and Training Policy.

MEDICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

It is vitally important that the school is able to make contact with parents/relatives/carers during school hours when necessary and that we have accurate medical information. Please make sure we have phone numbers that are up-to-date and that we are aware of any medical conditions your child has. Please contact Nina to update any information.

CSEF (Camps Sports and Excursion Fund)

If you have a Healthcare Card you are eligible for the CSEF. CSEF provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like: school camps or excursions, swimming and school-organised sports programs.

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following have occurred:

- New student enrolment: your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

Eligibility Date: For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either Term 1 (29 January 2019) or Term 2 (23 April 2019).

Applications close 28 June 2019.



Have a great week

Lex Johnstone

CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS



TEAM-WORK

Brooke Maiden

RESPECT

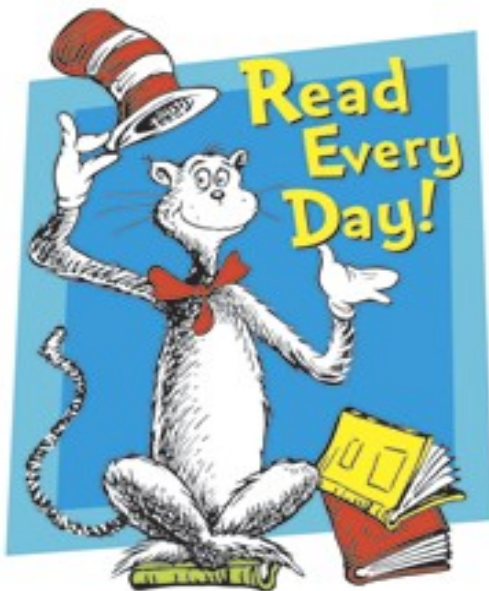
Saph Cardwell

RESPONSIBILITY

Jai Gales
George McFadzean

LEARNING

Maisie Dwyer
Tom McFadzean
Kyle Ryan
Jessica Toifl



Birthdays during the holidays

Sheldon Perl, Blake Maiden, Wes Knight, Daniel Close,
Sienna Mainard, Alex Ager-Wicks, Masie Dwyer, Shyanne
Cook,
Dominic Parker, Nathaniel Russell, Hunter Lane,

Last weeks Birthdays

Cameron Daykin, Lachlan Daykin, Cruz Williams, Audrey
McFadzean, Faith Hatfield-Toomath, Jemma Walsh

This weeks Birthdays

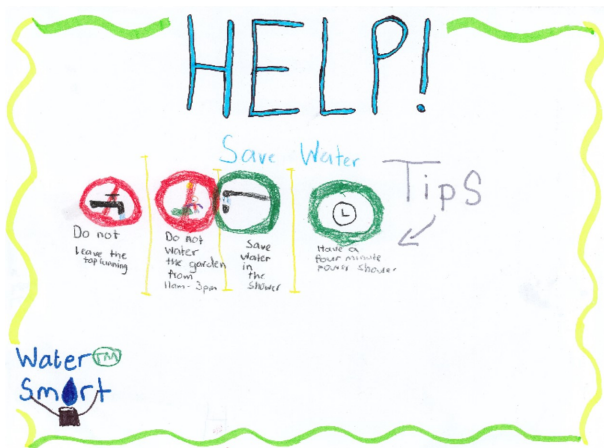
Cody Simpson, Zoe Osicka, Emily Mitchell, Brianah O'Keefe, Conroy Miller



In the Kitchen with Grades 3 and 4



Water Saving and Recycling Tips



New Dance Class in Heathcote

Grooves in Harmony Heathcote

Dance Classes

Dance Instructor: Rachel Findeis Dance Therapist

Run by: Healing Harmony Heathcote

Thank you for your interest/registration in our dance classes. Rachel is a creative dance therapist offering a variety of dance styles tailored to the needs of the group. Each style is designed to be unique, age appropriate & a strong emphasis on creating a dance environment that feels safe & non-judgemental for all participants at their level & of course A LOT OF FUN!!!

Classes are held at the Barrack Reserve in the McIvor Room every Thursday; this room is air conditioned & heated for the comfort of students.

CLASSES

4-5yo 4pm 45 minutes

6-8yo 5pm 45 minutes

9-12yo 6pm 1 hour

Adults 7:15pm 1 hour

Classes are \$12 per session & Children's classes are term based.

Term 1 Starting Thursday Feb 7th & finishing April 4th (9 weeks \$108)

Family discounts apply 2 students @ \$11ea (\$198) 3 or more students @ \$10ea

Payment plans are available for Children's classes, payments each week need to be more than the cost of the class to keep ahead on payments.

Children's classes are more energetic & props are used.

Adult's classes are casual at \$12ea (come when you can) or \$95 (9-week term save \$13) paid in full upon registration.

More classes can become available upon demand, please discuss your needs with us as we can also run BABY & TODDLER CREATIVE RHYTHM & FUNK DANCE CLASSES, PRIME GROOVERS DANCE CLASSES & YOUTH GROOVERS DANCE CLASSES depending on demand.

We kindly ask that parents refrain from being in the room whilst class is running (unless necessary) to minimise distractions for the students.

We also ask that everyone brings a water bottle to class to keep well hydrated.

We are so excited to offer this wonderful opportunity to the community & we thank you all for your support.

Rachel can be contacted on 0415 325 013

Jodi can be contacted on 0478 020 754

INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM FOR NEW MEMBERS OF
HEATHCOTE IN HARMONY (ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP FROM THE OFFICE)

Heathcote Primary School

'Heathcote in Harmony'



'Heathcote in Harmony' is a school/community based singing group with members made up of students and community members under the direction of the talented Mariah McCarthy. The group will meet on Mondays between 2.00pm and 3.00pm in the 'Gallery' at Heathcote Primary School, followed by a cuppa in the kitchen for those who would like to stay on after 3.00pm. The first session for 2019 is on 11th February.

Heathcote in Harmony will not be on Monday 25th February.

If you would like to join in please fill in the form below and hand in to the School Office or email to Heathcote.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Unfortunately there is no child minding provided at this group. If you have little people can you please make alternative care arrangements. Thank you!

Yes, I want to join the 'Heathcote in Harmony' community singing group.

Name:..... Contact Number:.....

We look forward to seeing you!

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